

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-29. Cancelled

30. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ nucleic acid ~~of claim 24~~, comprising: (a) ~~wherein the an~~ enzymatic cleavage domain comprising the formula: 5'-N₁-n-N₂-3', wherein: (i) "N₁" represents zero to five 2'-modified ribonucleotide residues; (ii) "N₂" represents one to five 2'-modified ribonucleotide residues; and (iii) "n" comprises the sequence "auggc"; (b) a fluorescence reporter group on one side of the internucleotide linkages; and (c) a non-fluorescent fluorescence-quenching group on the other side of the internucleotide linkages.

31. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid of claim 30, wherein N₁ and N₂ each represent one 2'-modified ribonucleotide residue.

32. (Previously presented) The nucleic acid of claim 31, wherein the 2'-modified ribonucleotide residue is an adenosine.

33-39. Cancelled